



2026 Free Agency Guidelines for First Responder Games

In an effort to allow individuals from non-participating departments to play in team events, we have adopted the following guidelines:

- 1) An individual is a free agent if he is an employed solo individual from an eligible agency (regardless of size) that does not have a team entered in the event.
- 2) A free agent may participate on a team in the following sports:
Football (7 v 7), Softball (CoEd and Open), Soccer, and Basketball (5 v5).
- 3) For 2026 - we will allow 2 free agents per team – this is a trial and will be evaluated after the games.
- 4) Only 2 free agents are allowed in any one event from any one agency – thus you cannot have more than 2 individuals from any agency stating they are free agents - if this rule is not adhered to, all of the free agents from that agency are ineligible.
- 5) A free agent may join any team – even those that have already combined. The free agent's department size does not come into account. This free agent is above and beyond the rule that limits the combined roster to 1300. For example: 3 departments combine to form a team and the total combined personnel is 1200. They are still allowed 1 free agent – regardless of this participant's department size.
- 6) It is the Captains responsibility to inform the Event Coordinator that this is a team that has a free agent on it. This needs to occur as soon as possible – but no later than when the official roster is turned in.
 - a. If after all of the official rosters are turned in, a discrepancy is found (i.e. more than 2 free agents from 1 department, or a failure to follow the above guidelines) the Event Coordinator in conjunction with the FRG staff representative may deem any and all individuals on those teams to be ineligible – thus resulting in a forfeit of all games and fees for that event.
 - b. Free Agents should ensure that the outlined rules are adhered to – it is ultimately the responsibility of the Captain and the free agent to make sure they are in compliance.

This is an attempt to allow individuals the opportunity to participate. Changes to this rule will be tweaked as needed yearly. Any changes will be posted on the website. Feel free to submit request for changes. This free agent rule is in effect for the 2026 First Responder Games only.

If you have any questions about free agency – call the office – don't put your participation or your team's participation in jeopardy. 407-614-6103